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For: NUCLEIC ACID SEQUENCES ENCODING  
PROTEINS ASSOCIATED WITH ABIOTIC  
STRESS RESPONSE

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Examiner: Vinod Kumar

**AMENDMENT AND REPLY**

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated November 6, 2008, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.